



# The Guide

South Rim: Dec. 1, 2007–Feb. 29, 2008

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## Welcome to Grand Canyon National Park

The Grand Canyon is more than a great chasm carved over millennia through the rocks of the Colorado Plateau. It is more than an awe-inspiring view. It is more than a pleasuring ground for those who explore the roads, hike the trails, or float the currents of the turbulent Colorado River.

This canyon is a gift that transcends what we experience. Its beauty and size humble us. Its timelessness provokes a comparison to our short existence. In its vast spaces we may find solace from our hectic lives.

The Grand Canyon we visit today is a gift from past generations. Take time to

enjoy this gift. Sit and watch the changing play of light and shadows. Wander along a trail and feel the sunshine and wind on your face. Attend a ranger program. Follow the antics of ravens soaring above the rim. Listen for the roar of the rapids far below Pima Point. Savor a sunrise or sunset.

As the shadows lengthen across the spires and buttes, time passing into the depths of the canyon, understand what this great chasm passes to us: a sense of humility born in the interconnections of all that is and a willingness to care for this land. We have the responsibility to ensure that future generations have the opportunity to form their own connections with Grand Canyon National Park.



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## Where's the Visitor Center?

The Visitor Center is just south of Mather Point, but you cannot drive to the Visitor Center. Canyon View Information Plaza, including the new Visitor Center, was designed as the terminus for a mass-transit system that is not yet in operation. To get to the Visitor Center:

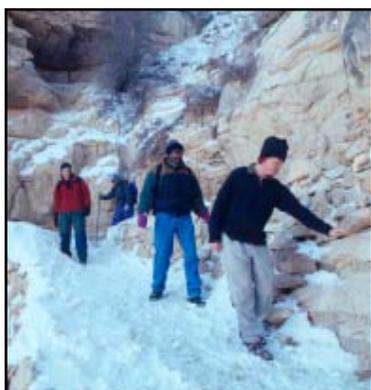
- **Park Your Vehicle**  
Parking lots are shown on the map on pages 6–7.
- **Ride the Free Shuttle Buses**  
Shuttle bus routes are shown on the map on pages 6–7.  
or
- **Park at Mather Point**  
Walk the 300 yards (275 meters) to the Visitor Center.  
Accessibility shuttle available. See page 7.



Use Caution Near the Edge!

Footing can be dangerous. Watch for snow and ice.

## Hiking: The Winter Challenge



For many a hike along the rim or into the canyon is a highlight of their visit. Winter weather, icy trails, and some of the most rugged terrain on Earth make hiking both a challenging and a rewarding experience.

The weather changes quickly at this time of the year. A blue-sky day becomes a chilling snowstorm. The easy downhill walking entices hikers to venture further than they should on these short days.

### Successful hikers:

- **Plan ahead.** Know the trail conditions and weather forecast before starting.
- **Go prepared.** Icy trails may require the use of instep crampons and hiking poles. Carry a flashlight.
- **Maintain body temperature.** Dress in layers, including a hat. Be able to protect yourself from wind and precipitation.
- **Balance your food and water intake.** Food provides fuel to keep walking and stay warm. Even in winter, liquids are needed to replace perspiration loss.

### Emergency • 911

24 hours-a-day dial 911 from any phone, 9-911 from hotel phones.



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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

# Ranger Programs

The National Park Service invites you to enjoy the free programs below. We hope that learning about Grand Canyon and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your national park. Some programs require riding the free shuttle bus to get to the meeting location. Plan sufficient time to arrive before the start of the program.

## Grand Canyon Village

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
<b>Geo-Glimpse</b>  				
Enjoy the new geology exhibits at Yavapai Observation Station and explore a selected aspect of the canyon's geology during these short, indoor talks.	<b>Inside Yavapai Observation Station</b>	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	15–20 min. 15–20 min.	Daily Daily
<b>Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology</b>  				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world? Come and participate in this fascinating talk to learn how Grand Canyon was formed. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus.	<b>Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza</b>	10:00 a.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
<b>Human History at Grand Canyon</b> 				
Humans have been part of Grand Canyon's story for almost 12,000 years. The beauty that draws people to the canyon today also brought American Indians, prospectors, entrepreneurs, and the National Park Service to this special place. Depending on weather, be prepared for either a short walk along the rim or an indoor program in the Bright Angel History Room.	<b>Patio on the rim side of Bright Angel Lodge</b>	11:00 a.m.	45 min.	Daily
<b>Kolb Studio: Images of the Past</b>				
Kolb Studio, built in 1904, spills five levels down the canyon wall. The Kolb brothers played an integral role in the early years of development at Grand Canyon. Join a ranger for a closer look at Kolb Studio and the fascinating time in which the Kolb family lived here. Limited to 12 participants by reservation. Register at Kolb Studio for the tour prior to that day's program or by calling (928) 638-2771.	<b>Kolb Studio</b>	2:00 p.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
<b>Nature Walk</b>  				
Learn more about the complexity and diversity of nature with a short hike along the rim. Topics vary and may include: animals and plants adapting to changing seasons, human impact on nature, how nature inspires writers and poets, rare and endangered species, or Native American use of plants and animals.	<b>Bicycle rack at Yavapai Observation Station</b>	2:30 p.m.	45–60 min.	Daily
<b>A Quick Look</b>  				
Grand Canyon can be overwhelming. Step back for a few minutes and listen to a ranger tell about wildlife, human history, or fun facts about the greatest canyon on Earth. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus.	<b>Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza</b>	3:30 p.m.	15–20 min.	Daily
<b>Evening Program</b>  				
The perfect way to end your day at the Grand Canyon! Enjoy a ranger presentation on a significant aspect of the canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. For this evening's topic check the schedules posted around the park or call (928) 638-7610. Arrive by walking, driving, or riding the free Village Shuttle Bus. <b>No program Dec. 19.</b>	<b>Shrine of the Ages auditorium (parking lot A, next to Park Headquarters)</b>	7:00 p.m.	1 hour	Daily
<b>Full-Moon Walks and Star Talks</b> 				
During evenings around full moon and new moon, rangers will offer moon walks and star talks as staffing and weather permit. Check bulletin boards at the visitor centers and campgrounds to see if these events are scheduled in the three days around new and full moons.	<b>Eastern-most promontory at Mather Point</b>	1 hour after sunset	1 hour	New and full moon
<b>Special Programs</b>				
Additional programs may be presented when staffing and weather permits. Check park bulletin boards for announcements or inquire at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza for upcoming events.	Check park bulletin boards or at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza			
<b>Desert View–Tusayan Museum</b> (3 miles/5 km west of Desert View Point)				
<b>Glimpses of the Past</b>  				
Consider the ancient people who called Grand Canyon "home" 800 years ago. How did they thrive in this environment? Join a ranger for a walk on a 0.1 mile flat, paved trail and see the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village.	<b>Tusayan Museum, 23 miles east of Grand Canyon Village</b>	11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	30–45 min. 30–45 min.	Daily Daily

All children must be supervised and accompanied by an adult on all programs.  All outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.  These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza. For programs meeting at the Visitor Center, visitors with mobility concerns can use the wheelchair accessible trail or accessibility shuttle bus from Mather Point parking lot.  These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger activity. However, any ranger program may serve the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.

# Enjoying Grand Canyon

## Information Centers See page 2 for ranger programs at these locations.



### Kolb Studio

Once the home and business of the Kolb brothers, pioneering photographers at Grand Canyon, this building has been restored. Visit the free art exhibits in the auditorium and shop in the bookstore. Kolb Studio is located in the Village Historic District, at the Bright Angel Trailhead. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



### Canyon View Information Plaza

Don't forget to visit the Visitor Center and bookstore at the Canyon View Information Plaza. Reachable by free shuttle bus, a one mile walk or bicycle ride from Market Plaza on the Greenway Trail, or a short walk from Mather Point. The Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the bookstore is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may view the outdoor exhibits anytime.



### Yavapai Observation Station

How old is the canyon? How did it form? The new exhibits at Yavapai Observation Station answer these and other geology questions. The historic building, located one mile (1.6 km) east of Market Plaza, features expansive canyon views. The bookstore offers a variety of materials about the area. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



### Tusayan Museum

A visit to Tusayan Ruin and Museum provides a glimpse of ancestral Pueblo life 800 years ago. The museum is located three miles (5 km) west of Desert View. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weather permitting. Admission is free. A self-guiding trail leads through the adjacent 800-year-old ruin.



### Desert View Bookstore/Park Information

Orientation, park information, and books are available at Desert View Bookstore/Park Information, located near the park's east entrance. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as staffing permits. Closed December 25th.



## The Canyon's Best Bargain—the Free Shuttle Bus System

For more than 30 years the National Park Service has provided a free shuttle bus system on the South Rim. Visitors and residents have made 80,000,000 boardings. Many of the buses use compressed or liquefied natural gas, a much cleaner burning fuel. Some of the buses have provisions for improved accessibility. Riding the shuttles makes your stay more enjoyable, while reducing pollution and decreasing traffic congestion.

### How do I use the free shuttle buses?

The map on pages 6-7 is the key. The map shows routes, stops, operating times, and route lengths. Park your vehicle in one of the parking areas, walk to the nearest bus stop, and board the next bus. It is that simple. The buses come by every 15-30 minutes. There are no tickets to obtain, and you are free to get on and off at any stop. The routes are designed so you can ride to a stop, enjoy the view, shop at a gift store, or walk along the rim and then hop on a later shuttle.

See pages 6-7 for a map with routes, stops, and times.



## Kolb Studio Art Exhibits

### Grand Canyon North Rim's Artists In Residence November 15, 2007 through February 17, 2008

Since its inception in 2002, the North Rim's Artist-In-Residence program has attracted artists working in a variety of mediums who compete for the coveted opportunity to live and work at the Grand Canyon for three weeks at a time. One work from each residency becomes a part of Grand Canyon National Park's permanent collection. These artworks are gathered together for this exhibition and are accompanied by additional works from each artist.

## Sunrise & Sunset

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Dec. 2	7:21 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Dec. 9	7:27 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Dec. 16	7:32 a.m.	5:16 p.m.
Dec. 23	7:36 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Dec. 30	7:39 a.m.	5:23 p.m.
Jan. 6	7:40 a.m.	5:29 p.m.
Jan. 13	7:39 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
Jan. 20	7:37 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Jan. 27	7:33 a.m.	5:50 p.m.
Feb. 3	7:28 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
Feb. 10	7:22 a.m.	6:04 p.m.
Feb. 17	7:15 a.m.	6:11 p.m.
Feb. 24	7:06 a.m.	6:18 p.m.

## Moon Phases

New Moon	Full Moon	Moon Rises
Dec. 9		
	Dec. 23	4:55 p.m.
Jan. 8	Jan. 22	6:08 p.m.
Feb. 6	Feb. 20	6:05 p.m.

# Enjoying Grand Canyon

## Personalize Your Grand Canyon Experience

Individual interests, available time, and the weather can all influence a visit to Grand Canyon. The following list of activities can help you personalize your Grand Canyon experience. To locate places mentioned below, refer to the maps on pages 6–7 and 12. An *Accessibility Guide* for visitors with limited mobility is available at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza and Park Headquarters.

Activity	Option
<b>Attend free ranger programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed on page 2</li> <li>Junior Ranger program described below</li> </ul>
<b>Visit scenic Hermit Road</b> 7 miles one-way. Allow at least 2 hours round trip.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Views of river at Hopi, Mohave, and Pima Points</li> <li>Visit Hermits Rest—historic landmark with river view</li> <li>Open to private vehicles during winter months</li> </ul>
<b>Explore Desert View Drive</b> 25 miles one-way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tour by private vehicle or commercial bus</li> <li>Views of river at Moran Point, Lipan Point, Desert View</li> <li>Road may be closed by inclement weather</li> </ul>
<b>Visit an information center or a museum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A variety of museums and visitor centers house exhibits and provide park information</li> <li>See page 3 for more information</li> </ul>
Exploring on foot:	
<b>Walk part of the Rim Trail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See map pages 6–7; described on page 8</li> <li>Trail may be accessed at many locations along rim</li> <li>Watch for snow and icy spots</li> </ul>
<b>Day hike into Grand Canyon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See pages 8–9 for information on trails and safety</li> <li>It will take twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down</li> <li>Do not attempt to hike to the river and back in one day</li> <li>Trails may be very icy and require the use of instep crampons</li> </ul>
<b>Backpack in Grand Canyon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit and fees required (see page 9)</li> <li>Inquire at Backcountry Information Center (8:00 a.m.–noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m.)</li> </ul>



## Environmental Education Class Field Trips and Teacher Workshops

The Environmental Education staff invites teachers and students to take advantage of our free educational resources. We offer nine ranger-led field trip programs at the canyon covering geology, ecology, and history topics. Programs are designed for grades K–7, are curriculum based, and address Arizona academic standards. Advanced reservations are required. Contact the park as soon as possible to schedule your trip. Rangers may be available for pre-visit classroom presentations.

Free teacher workshops cover suggested pre- and post-visit activities, as well as walk-throughs of the programs at the canyon. Park staff conducts workshops several times each year. For more information or to make reservations for either a park visit or a teacher workshop call (928) 638-7662 or visit [www.nps.gov/grca/](http://www.nps.gov/grca/).



## Artist in Residence Program

The Artist-in Residence Program offers writers, composers, visual and performing artists the opportunity to spend three weeks on the South or North Rim of Grand Canyon. In exchange for the adventure of living and working in a national park, the resident artist has the opportunity to create works that generate understanding and dialogue about the need to preserve this national treasure. Check at the Visitor Center for programs given by the current Artist in Residence. The park's website, [www.nps.gov/grca/](http://www.nps.gov/grca/), offers details on applying to participate as an Artist in Residence.

## New Interagency Annual Pass

If you are a frequent visitor to National Park Service or other federal agency sites that charge entrance fees, you may be interested in the new *America the Beautiful - National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass*. The \$80.00 pass is valid for one year from the time of first use. Five federal agencies—National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service—participate in the pass.



The program also offers a lifetime Senior Pass (\$10.00) for U.S. citizens 62 or over and a free Access Pass for citizens with permanent disabilities. Those who already have a Golden Age or Golden Access pass do not need to obtain the new passes.

The *America the Beautiful* pass may be purchased at park entrance stations, Grand Canyon Association bookstores, or online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). The Senior and Access passes are available only at the entrance stations.

## Winter Wildlife Warning

Early winter is a time of great activity for the animals at Grand Canyon National Park. Many are feeding as much as they can or are storing food for later use. For deer it is the time of the rut and they may show aggressive behavior.



Winter snow and cold place different demands on our wildlife. Food becomes scarce, just as the need for body warmth increases. Many animals reduce their activity to conserve their energy resources. Some, like the rock squirrels that are so common in summer, are now in hibernation. Deer and elk are not moving about as much. If you attempt to approach these animals, they may run away, wasting precious energy. Always observe and photograph wildlife from a distance without disturbing them.

It is dangerous, and illegal, to feed wild animals in a national park. Violators will be fined. Wildlife can become dependent upon handouts and lose their ability to hunt and forage. Such animals lose their fear of humans. They can become aggressive and bite, kick, or gore. Many are struck by cars while searching for handouts. Never feed or approach wildlife. Help us keep wildlife wild.

## Would you like to be a Junior Ranger?

Grand Canyon National Park offers a Junior Ranger program for children ages 4 and older.

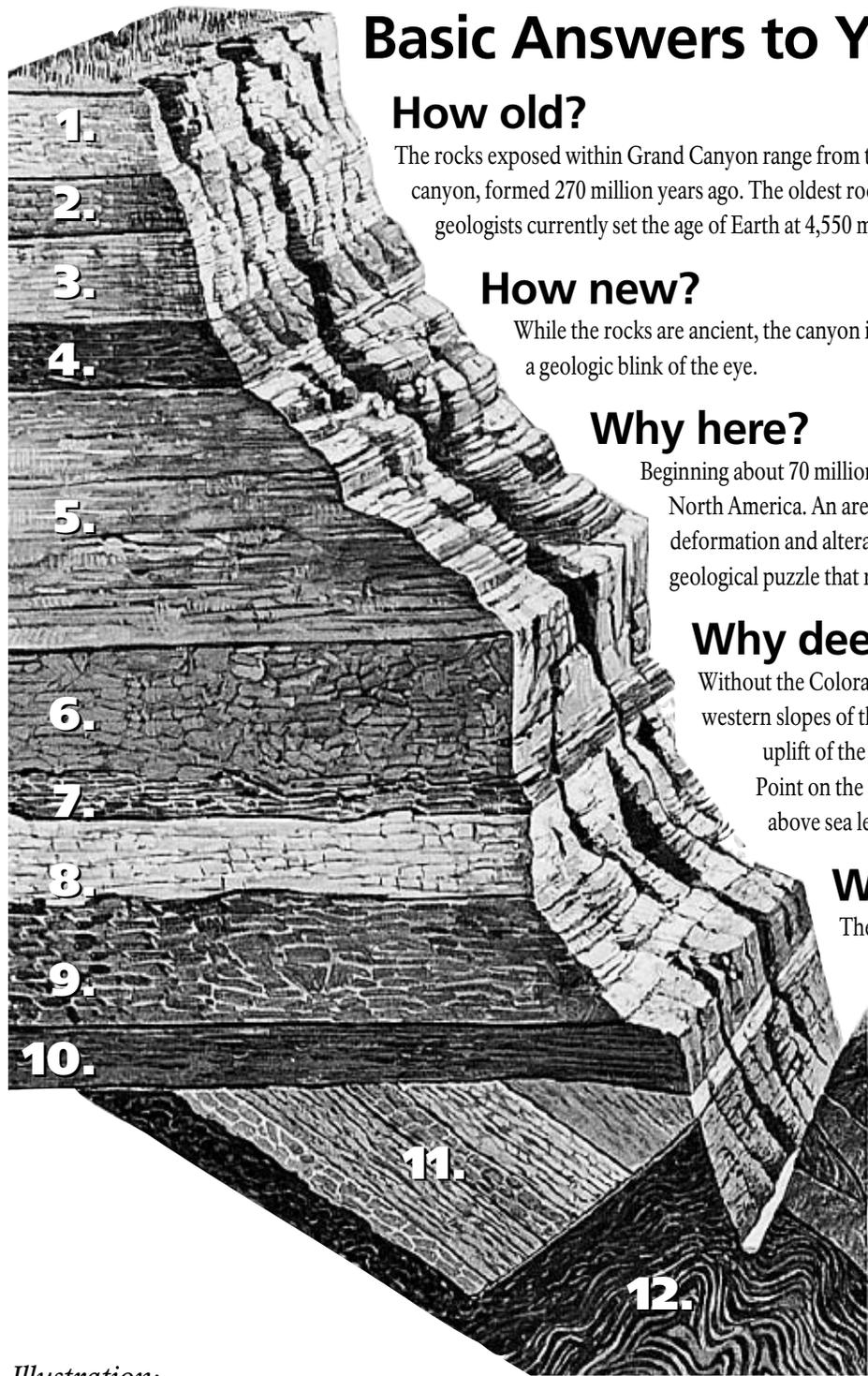
To take part in the program, pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza or Tusayan Museum information desk and complete the activities listed for the appropriate age level.

Once completed (don't forget attendance at one or more ranger programs) bring the booklet back to the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza or Tusayan Museum to receive an official Junior Ranger certificate and badge.





# There's Only One Grand Canyon



## Basic Answers to Your Geologic Questions

### How old?

The rocks exposed within Grand Canyon range from the fairly young to the fairly old (geologically speaking). Kaibab limestone, the caprock on the rims of the canyon, formed 270 million years ago. The oldest rocks within the Inner Gorge at the bottom of Grand Canyon date to 1,840 million years ago. For comparison geologists currently set the age of Earth at 4,550 million years.

### How new?

While the rocks are ancient, the canyon is young. Geologists generally agree that canyon carving occurred over the last 5-6 million years—a geologic blink of the eye.

### Why here?

Beginning about 70 million years ago, heat and pressure generated by two colliding tectonic plates induced mountain building in western North America. An area known as the Colorado Plateau was raised more than 10,000 feet (3,000 m), but was spared most of the deformation and alteration associated with the uplifting of strata. This high plateau, so critical to Grand Canyon's story, is a geological puzzle that researchers still seek to understand.

### Why deep?

Without the Colorado River, a perennial river in a desert environment, Grand Canyon would not exist. Water draining off the western slopes of the southern Rocky Mountains carried sand and gravel, cutting down through the layers of rock. Without the uplift of the Colorado Plateau, there would not have been the thousands of feet of topography to sculpt. From Yavapai Point on the South Rim to the Colorado River is a change of 4,600 feet (1,400 m), yet the river still flows 2,450 feet (750 m) above sea level.

### Why wide?

The width results from the rock layers collapsing around the river and its tributaries combined with the "headward erosion" of these side streams. Softer, weaker layers erode faster, undermining the harder, stronger layers above them. Without adequate support, the cliffs collapse. The relentless river carries this eroded material to the Gulf of California. Much of what is now southeastern California and southwestern Arizona is covered with material eroded from Grand Canyon.

Over its 277 river miles (446 km), the jagged Grand Canyon varies in width. Along the South Rim, it ranges between 8 and 16 miles (13-26 km) depending upon where you choose to measure.

### Why Grand?

Often described as Earth's greatest geological showcase, the ensemble of stunning dimensions—the melding of depth, width, and length—sets Grand Canyon apart. Nowhere else features such a dazzling variety of colorful rock layers, impressive buttes, and shadowed side canyons. Grand Canyon is the canyon against which all other canyons are compared.

Illustration:

1. Kaibab Formation	.....	270 million years
2. Toroweap Formation	.....	273 million years
3. Coconino Sandstone	.....	275 million years
4. Hermit Formation	.....	280 million years
5. Supai Group	.....	315-285 million years
6. Redwall Limestone	.....	340 million years
7. Temple Butte Formation	.....	385 million years
8. Muav Limestone	.....	505 million years
9. Bright Angel Shale	.....	515 million years
10. Tapeats Sandstone	.....	525 million years
11. Grand Canyon Supergroup	.....	1,200 million-740 million years
12. Vishnu basement rocks	.....	1,840-1,680 million years

### Want to know more?

The geologic story is rich in detail and mystery. Attending a free ranger program may move you from wonder to comprehension. Programs are described on page 2.

Grand Canyon Association bookstores offer many geology related titles. Bookstore hours and locations are listed on page 3. To learn more about geology at Grand Canyon, take a look at:

- *Yardstick of Geologic Time*, Allyson Mathis
- *Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology*, Greer Price
- *Carving Grand Canyon*, Wayne Ranney
- *Grand Canyon: Solving Earth's Grandest Puzzle*, James Powell

# Day Hiking

## Before You Go . . .

### Plan Ahead

No permits are required for day hikers. You are entirely on your own. Your descent into the canyon, however brief, marks your entry into a world in which preparation, self-reliance, and common sense are crucial.

### Winter Weather

On the South Rim, snow storms, blustery winds, and freezing temperatures may occur throughout winter. At Phantom Ranch rain can make your visit miserable, if you are not prepared. Learn the weather forecast. Hope for sunny skies, but go prepared for the worst conditions.

### Double Your Calories, Double Your Fun

Even in winter, salty snacks and water or sports drinks should be consumed on any hike lasting longer than 30 minutes. Food is your body's primary source of fuel and salts (electrolytes) while hiking in the canyon.

If you do not balance your food intake with fluid consumption, you run the risk of becoming dangerously debilitated and severely ill. For every hour hiking in the canyon, you should drink 1/2 to 1 quart (0.5-1 liter) of water or sports drinks.

Your best defense against illness and exhaustion is to eat a healthy breakfast, a snack every time you take a drink, and a rewarding full dinner at the end of the day. This is not a time to diet.

### Watch Your Time

Plan on taking twice as long to hike up as it took to hike down. Allow 1/3 of your time to descend and 2/3 of your time to ascend.

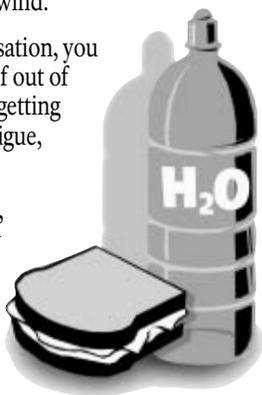
### Mules and Hikers

Encounters between hikers and mules have resulted in injuries to packers and the death of some mules. To ensure safety for yourself, other trail users, and mule riders, when encountering mules on the trails:

- Step off the trail on the uphill side away from the edge.
- Follow the directions of the wrangler. Remain completely quiet and stand perfectly still.
- Do not return to the trail until the last mule is 50 feet (15 m) past your position.

## Hiking Tips

- 1 Be Prepared:** Know your route. Know the weather forecast. The weather can change dramatically. Carry a map, flashlight, and extra clothing including wind and rain protection. Instep crampons may be necessary on icy trails and can be purchased at the General Store.
- 2 Stay Comfortable:** Dressing in layers is the key to comfortable hiking. This allows you to adjust to changing conditions as you go up and down the trail. As Mother always said, "Don't forget your hat!" It is important to stay dry and protected from the wind.
- 3 Go Slowly:** If you can carry on a conversation, you are hiking at the right pace. If you find yourself out of breath, your legs and digestive system are not getting enough oxygen. Lack of oxygen may cause fatigue, heavy legs, and exhaustion.
- 4 Rest Often:** Sit down, prop your legs up, and take a 10-minute break at least once every hour.
- 5 Eat and Drink Frequently:** Balance your food and water intake. Salty snacks help replace electrolytes lost through perspiration. No matter what the temperature, you need water and energy to keep going.



## Hiking Chart

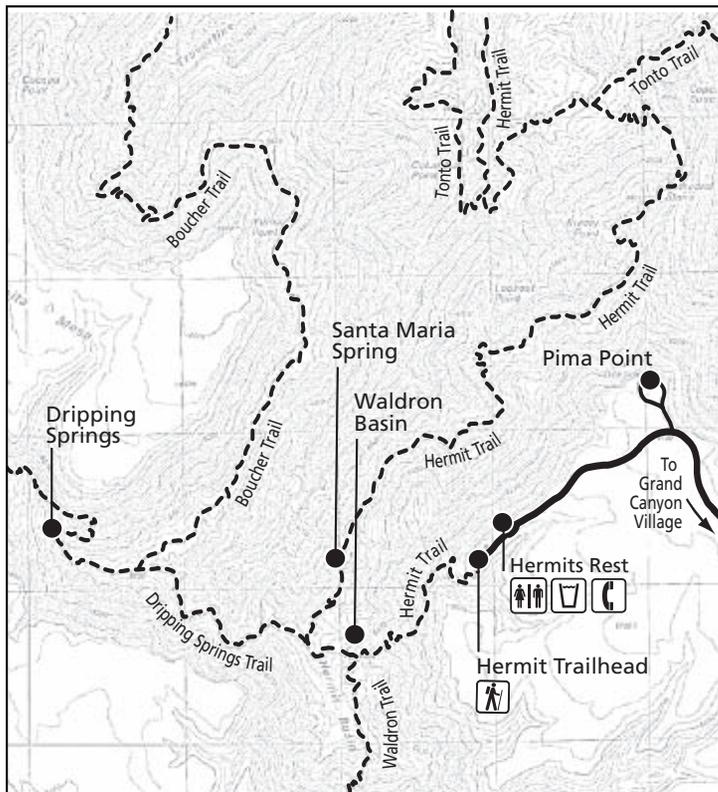
**WARNING:** It is recommended that you do not attempt to hike from the rim to the river and back in one day. There are no loop trails for day hikes; you will be hiking on the same trail in both directions. **Remember! You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of those in your party.**

### Trails

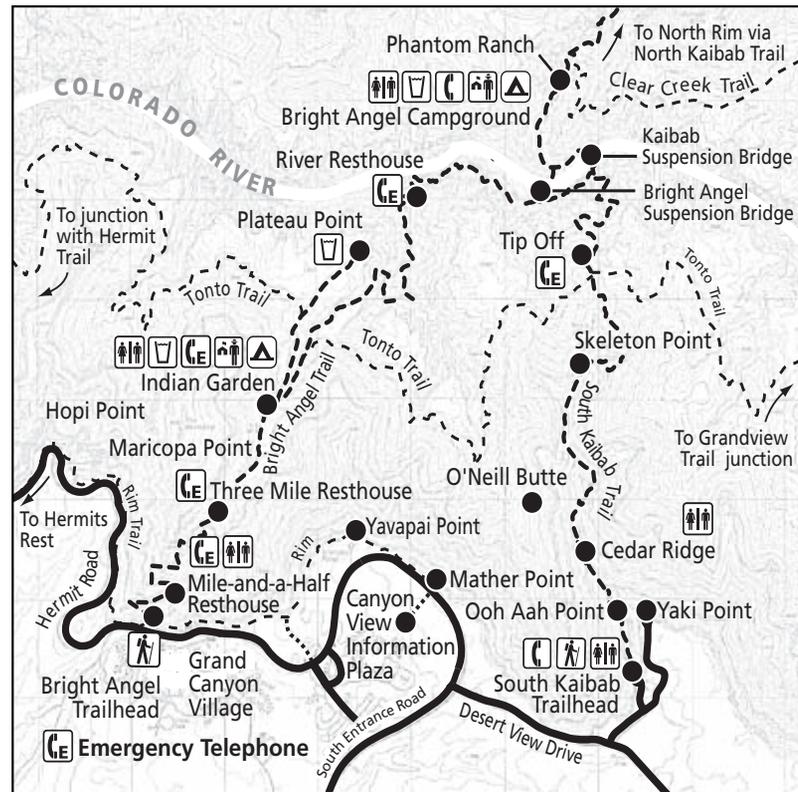
Destination	Distance Round Trip	Approximate Time Round Trip	Elevation Change	Notes
<b>Rim Trails</b>				
Along the Village Rim	Your Choice	15 min. to 1 1/2-hours	200 feet (60 m)	Paved. Best easy walk. Passes historic buildings.
Along Hermit Road	Your Choice	15 min. to all day	200 feet (60 m)	Becomes unmarked dirt path west of Maricopa Point.
<b>Bright Angel Trail (Steep)</b>				
1 1/2-Mile Resthouse	3 mi. (4.8 km)	2-4 hours	1,131 feet (345 m)	Restrooms. No water in winter.
3-Mile Resthouse	6 mi. (9.6 km)	4-6 hours	2,112 feet (644 m)	No water in winter.
Indian Garden	9.2 mi. (14.8 km)	6-9 hours	3,060 feet (933 m)	Restrooms. Water.
<b>Plateau Point is extremely strenuous.</b>				
Plateau Point	12.2 mi. (19.6 km)	8-12 hours	3,195 feet (974 m)	View of river. 1 1/2-mile beyond Indian Garden.
<b>South Kaibab Trail (Steep)</b>				
Ooh Aah Point	1.8 mi. (2.9 km)	1-2 hours	600 feet (183 m)	No water. First view east.
Cedar Ridge	3 mi. (4.8 km)	2-4 hours	1,140 feet (347 m)	Restrooms. No water. First hitching rail.
Skeleton Point	6 mi. (10 km)	4-6 hours	2,040 feet (622 m)	No water. Second hitching rail. First view of river.
 <b>Express Hikers' Shuttles</b> depart daily at 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. from Bright Angel Lodge and the Backcountry Information Center and go directly to the South Kaibab Trailhead.				
<b>Hermit Trail (Steep)</b>				
Waldron Basin	3 mi. (4.8 km)	2-4 hours	1,240 feet (378 m)	No water.
Santa Maria Spring	5 mi. (8 km)	5-8 hours	1,760 feet (536 m)	Treat water.
Dripping Springs	7 mi. (11 km)	6-9 hours	1,400 feet (430 m)	Treat water. Use extra caution along narrow sections.
<b>Grandview Trail (Very Steep)</b>				
Coconino Saddle	2.2 mi. (3.5 km)	1-2 hours	1,190 feet (360 m)	No water. Use extra caution along narrow sections.
Horseshoe Mesa	6 mi. (9.6 km)	6-9 hours	2,600 feet (793 m)	Restrooms. No water. Use extra caution along narrow sections.

# Hiking and Camping Below the Rim

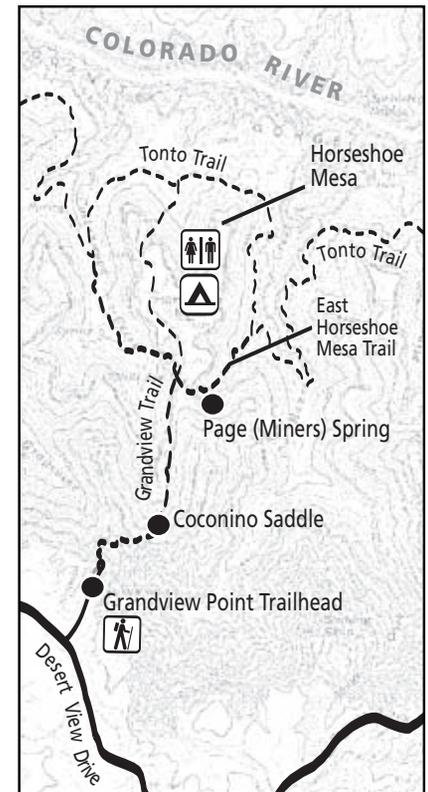
## Hermit Trail



## Corridor Trails



## Grandview Trail



## Health Hazards

Moderation is the key to an enjoyable hike. Hike within your ability, maintain proper body temperature, balance your food and water intake, and rest often. Emergency situations include:

**Hypothermia** is a life-threatening emergency where the body cannot keep itself warm due to exhaustion and exposure to cold, wet, windy weather.

**Symptoms:** uncontrolled shivering, poor muscle control, and a careless attitude.

**Treatment:** put on dry clothing, drink warm liquids, put victim in sleeping bag if available, and protect from wind, rain, and cold.

**Hyponatremia** is the result of low sodium in the blood caused by drinking too much water, not eating enough salty foods, and losing salt through sweating.

**Symptoms:** nausea, vomiting, altered mental states, and frequent urination.

**Treatment:** have the victim rest and eat salty foods. If mental alertness decreases, seek immediate help!

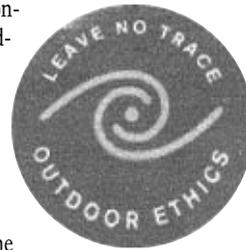
## Want to know more?

Grand Canyon Association bookstores offer many books and maps on hiking. Bookstore hours and locations are listed on page 3. A few items to consider include:

- *Official Guide to Hiking Grand Canyon* by Scott Thybony
- The Grand Canyon Trail Guides series: Bright Angel, Grandview, Havasu, Hermit, North Kaibab, South Kaibab, South and North Bass
- *Grand Canyon National Park Trails* topographic map

## Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. While enjoying your visit, please consider the following principles to minimize your impact and help protect Grand Canyon for future generations.



1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave what you find
5. Minimize campfire impacts  
No campfires in Grand Canyon National Park backcountry.
6. Respect wildlife
7. Be considerate of other visitors

For more information visit [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

## Camping Below the Rim

### Permit & Fees Required

Overnight backpacking in Grand Canyon provides a degree of solitude, wildness, and silence that is increasingly difficult to find. In the 1970s, overcrowding and environmental degradation made it necessary to institute a set of rules and regulations to which all backpackers are subject.

A backcountry permit is required for all overnight backpacking. The majority of available permits are reserved up to four months in advance.

A fee of \$10 per permit and \$5 per person per night is charged. The permit process allows the National Park Service to control the number of people in each use area daily, thereby limiting resource impact and impact from human waste and litter. The program allows backpackers to enjoy a greater degree of solitude in experiencing the wilderness of Grand Canyon.

### Obtaining a Permit

Individuals arriving in the park without a permit may be able to obtain one by participating in a day-by-day waiting list process for last-minute space. Interested hikers should inquire at the Backcountry Information Center (located in Parking Lot E) which is open daily, 8:00 a.m.–noon and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Guests of Phantom Ranch Lodge who have advance reservations do not need backcountry permits.

For more backpacking information, pick up a *Backcountry Trip Planner* at the Backcountry Information Center or the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza or contact:

### Backcountry Information Center

P.O. Box 129  
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023  
Open daily: 8:00 a.m.–noon and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Telephone: (928) 638-7875  
Mon.–Fri.: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[www.nps.gov/grca](http://www.nps.gov/grca)

# Lodging and Services

## Food

**Dining:** Listed west to east (approximately) along the rim.

**Hermits Rest Snack Bar**  
Open daily: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m..

**Maswik Cafeteria**  
In the Maswik Lodge on the west side of the Village. Open daily 6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Sports Lounge open daily 5:00–11:00 p.m.

**Bright Angel Restaurant**  
In Bright Angel Lodge. Open daily: breakfast: 6:30–10:45 a.m., lunch: 11:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m., dinner 4:30–10:00 p.m.; Lounge 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

**Bright Angel Coffee House**  
In Bright Angel Lodge. Open daily 5:30–11:00 a.m.

**Bright Angel Fountain**  
Ice cream and snacks on the rim in Bright Angel Lodge. Open Dec. 23–Jan. 2. Reopens Feb. 16. Weather permitting.

**The Arizona Room**  
On the rim next to Bright Angel Lodge. Open daily for dinner: 4:30–10:00 p.m.; Reservations are not accepted. Closed Jan. 2–Feb. 15.

**El Tovar Dining Room**  
On the rim. Open daily: breakfast 6:30–11:00 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., dinner 5:00–10:00 p.m.; Dinner reservations are required (928)638-2631 ext. 6432. Lounge 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Delicatessen at Marketplace**  
In the general store at Market Plaza. Open daily 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**Yavapai Cafeteria**  
At Market Plaza. Open Dec. 23–Jan. 2 from 6:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Reopens Feb. 16.

**Desert View Trading Post Snackbar**  
Open daily 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

## Groceries

**Canyon Village Marketplace**  
General store at Market Plaza. Open daily; 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

**Desert View Marketplace**  
Open daily; 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Lodging

### In the Park

All prices are subject to change. For same-day reservations, call (928) 638-2631. For advance reservations, call (888) 297-2757 or write to Xanterra Parks & Resorts, 6312 S. Fiddler's Green Cir., Ste. 600N, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. [www.grandcanyonlodges.com](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com)

**Bright Angel Lodge**  
Located on the rim. \$52–\$143.

**El Tovar Hotel**  
Located on the rim. \$142–322.

**Kachina Lodge**  
Located on the rim. \$139–152.

**Thunderbird Lodge**  
Located on the rim. \$ 139–152.

**Maswik Lodge**  
West end of village. \$78–124.

**Yavapai Lodge**  
Market Plaza. \$96–113.

**Phantom Ranch**  
Bottom of the canyon. Overnight dormitory and cabin space. Advance reservations are required. Call for prices.

### Outside the Park

**Grand Hotel**  
Tusayan. (928) 638-3333

**Grand Canyon Squire Inn**  
Tusayan. (928) 638-2681

**Holiday Inn Express**  
Tusayan. (928) 638-3000

**Quality Inn**  
Tusayan. (928) 638-2673

**Red Feather Lodge**  
Tusayan. (928) 638-2414

## Camping

Camping is permitted only in designated campsites while in Grand Canyon National Park. Violators are subject to citation and/or fine.

### In the Park

**Mather Campground**  
Operated by the National Park Service. No hookups are available. Maximum vehicle length is 30 feet. Campsites are self-serve during the winter. Drive through, pick a site, and register at the automated machine at the campground office. Fee is \$15 per night; \$7.50 per night for Golden Age or Golden Access passport holders. Cash or credit cards accepted.

For reservations at other times of the year (up to six months in advance) contact Reserve America at (877) 444-6777 or visit online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

**Trailer Village**  
Trailer sites with hookups are located next to Mather Campground. \$28 per site per night for two people. \$2 for each additional person over age 16. Campers may register at the entrance to Trailer Village. Reservations through Xanterra Parks & Resorts: (888) 297-2757 or [www.xanterra.com](http://www.xanterra.com)

**Desert View Campground**  
Closed for the season.

### Outside the Park

**Camper Village**  
Commercial campground located one mile (1.6 km) south of park entrance in the town of Tusayan. Hook-ups and coin-operated showers are available. Call: (928) 638-2887. Closed for the season.

**Ten-X Campground**  
Operated by Kaibab National Forest. Located 2 miles south of Tusayan. Closed for the season.

## Services

**Laundry & Showers**  
Located near Mather Campground. Open 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Last laundry load: 4:45 p.m.

**Bank & ATM**  
Located at Market Plaza. Bank open: Mon.–Thurs. 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Accepts travelers checks and major credit cards. Phone: (928) 638-2437. 24-hour ATM is also available.

**Post Office**  
Located at Market Plaza. Window service: Mon.–Fri. 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sat. 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Lobby open: 5:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. Stamps available in lobby. Phone: (928) 638-2512.

**Kennels**  
Open daily: 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Phone (928) 638-0534. For retrieval after 5:00 p.m., contact Fire and Safety at: (928) 638-2631.

**Lost & Found**  
For items lost or found in hotels or restaurants, call (928) 638-2631. For all other lost items call (928) 638-7798. Please take found items to the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza.

**Garage Services**  
Located east of Grand Canyon National Park Lodges general offices. Open daily 8:00 a.m.–noon and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Garage provides emergency repairs such as tires, belts, batteries, fuses, hoses, etc. Tow service provided to Williams or Flagstaff for more advanced repairs. After hours emergency service available. (928) 638-2631

**Grand Canyon Community Library**  
Mon.–Fri. 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Sat. 10:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Closed Sun. and holidays. Story time for infants through 5 years: Thurs. 11:00–11:30 a.m. Internet service available. Call (928) 638-2718 for directions to the library.

**Child Day Care**  
The Kaibab Learning Center is available for day care of infants through 12 year olds if space is available. Immunization records must be provided. Open Mon.–Fri. 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Call (928) 638-6333 for more details.

## Books/Gifts

Listed west to east (approximately).

**Hermits Rest** . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Grand Canyon Village area**

**Maswik** . . . . . 7:00 a.m.– 10:00 p.m.

**Kolb Studio** . . . . . 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Lookout Studio** . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Bright Angel** . . . 7:00 a.m.– 10:00 p.m.

**El Tovar** . . . . . 7:00 a.m.– 10:00 p.m.

**Hopi House** . . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Verkamp's Curio**  
. . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.

**Canyon Village Market Place**  
. . . . . 8:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.

**Yavapai Curio**  
Open seasonally . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Yavapai Observation Station**  
. . . . . 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Books & More**  
Canyon View Information Plaza  
. . . . . 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Desert View area**

**Tusayan Museum** . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Desert View Bookstore / Park Information**  
. . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.  
Closed Dec. 25.

**Desert View Trading Post**  
. . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Desert View Watchtower**  
. . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

**Desert View Marketplace**  
. . . . . 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

## Medical

**24-Hour Emergency Care**  
Dial 911 (From hotel rooms dial 9-911).

**North Country Grand Canyon Clinic**  
Mon.–Fri.: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Phone: (928) 638-2551.

# Organizations and Services

## Religious Services

Religious services are offered in the park and the surrounding community. However, the National Park Service does not endorse any group or message.

Current schedules are posted at Mather Campground (near the check-in station), Shrine of the Ages, the information kiosk near the post office, and Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza.

### **A Christian Ministry in the National Parks** (928) 638-2340.

**Grand Canyon Community Church (Interdenominational)**  
Jared Long, Pastor, (928) 638-2340.

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
Don Keil, Branch President,  
(928) 638-9426.

**El Cristo Rey Roman Catholic Church**  
Father Eugene Cagoco, D.S.,  
(928) 638-4050.

**Grand Canyon Assembly of God**  
Brian and Debbie Fulthorp, Co-pastors,  
(928) 638-9415.

**Grand Canyon Baptist Church**  
Rick Wiles, Pastor, (928) 638-2790.

**Jehovah's Witnesses (Tusayan)**  
Borden Miller, (928) 635-4166.

## Service Organizations

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

AA meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Kachina Room, Kachina Lodge. Meetings are open and nonsmoking. The Al Anon Family Group meets Friday at 8:15 p.m. also in the Kachina Room.

### **Grand Canyon Rotary Club**

Meets Thursdays at noon at the Canyon Room, El Tovar Hotel dining room.

### **Lions Club**

Meets twice monthly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Canyon Quality Inn in Tusayan. For information call (928) 638-0666.

## Tours and River Trips

### **Air Tours**

Fixed-wing and helicopter tours of the Grand Canyon region originate daily from Grand Canyon Airport in Tusayan. A list of air tour operators is available upon request at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza, or consult the local telephone directory.

### **Bus Tours**

Tours within the park to Desert View and Hermits Rest, as well as sunrise and sunset tours, are available daily. Wheelchair-accessible coaches are available by prior arrangement. Contact any transportation desk for information or call (928) 638-2631.

### **White Water Raft Trips**

White water raft trips through the canyon last from 3 days to 2 weeks and require reservations well in advance. Most trips are offered April-October. Ask at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza for a *Trip Planner* with a list of river trip operators.

### **Mule Trips**

One-, two-, and three-day mule trips into the canyon depart in the morning and may be available on a waiting-list basis. Call (928) 638-2631 or contact the Bright Angel Lodge transportation desk for additional information.

### **Learning & Lodging**

Fun and informative programs combine lodging, meals, and two days in the field with an instructor. Inquire at the Front Desk or the Transportation Desk at any in-park lodge, or call (928) 638-2525, or visit [www.grandcanyonlodges.com](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com) (click on promotions).

### **Hualapai Skywalk**

The Hualapai Skywalk at Grand Canyon West is on the Hualapai Indian Reservation, not in Grand Canyon National Park. The Skywalk at the west end of Grand Canyon is approximately 250 miles from the South Rim—50 miles east of Highway 93 between Kingman, Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Stop by the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza for a handout with more details and a map. For additional information or to make reservations telephone (877)716-9378 or (702)878-9378 or visit [www.destinationgrandcanyon.com](http://www.destinationgrandcanyon.com).

## Transport

### **Bus Service**

Greyhound Bus Lines offers service from Flagstaff and Williams, Arizona, to points nationwide. (See shuttle service below for road transport to the park.)

### **Shuttle Service**

Two companies provide shuttle service between Flagstaff, Williams, and Grand Canyon twice daily. They also serve Phoenix as well as other points in northern Arizona.

### **Flagstaff Express**

(800)563-1980  
(928)225-2290  
[www.flagstaffexpress.com](http://www.flagstaffexpress.com)

### **Open Road Tours**

(877)226-8060  
(928)226-8060  
[www.openroadtours.com](http://www.openroadtours.com)

### **Railroad**

Grand Canyon Railway offers service between Williams, Arizona, and Grand Canyon. Call 800-THE-TRAIN for information and reservations. The Railroad Express offers bus service to take a one-way trip on the vintage train. To ride on the train one-way in the morning, contact any transportation desk. To ride on the train one-way in the afternoon, contact the Grand Canyon Railway at 800-THE-TRAIN [(800) 843-8724].

### **Taxi Service**

Service is available to the Grand Canyon Airport, trailheads, and other destinations. 24-hour service daily. Call: (928) 638-2822 or (928) 638-2631, ext. 6563.

### **Transportation Desks**

Information about Phantom Ranch facilities, mule trips, horseback riding, air tours, one-day float trips, and motor-coach tours (including wheelchair-accessible vehicles) is available at the lodge lobbies. Call (928) 638-2631, ext. 6015.

### **Maswik Lodge**

Times vary based on seasonal demand.

### **Bright Angel**

6:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

### **Yavapai Lodge**

Times vary based on seasonal demand.

## Additional Out-of-Park Services

The following facilities are located in Tusayan, outside the park's south entrance on AZ Highway 64 South.

For additional services not listed, consult the local telephone directory. Area code (928) for all numbers listed below.

### **Fuel**

Conoco Service Station . . . . . 638-2608

### **Food**

Cafe' Tusayan . . . . . 638-2151  
Canyon Food Mart . . . . . 638-2608  
Canyon Star . . . . . 638-3333  
General Store . . . . . 638-9228  
McDonald's . . . . . 638-2208  
Pizza Hut . . . . . 638-4629  
Quality Inn . . . . . 638-2673  
Squire Inn Restaurant . . . . . 638-2681  
Tusayan Steakhouse . . . . . 638-2780  
We Cook Pizza, Etc . . . . . 638-2278  
Wendy's . . . . . 638-6484

### **Internet Access**

Grand Canyon Tourist Center . 638-2626  
Quality Inn . . . . . 638-2673  
Red Feather Lodge . . . . . 638-2414  
Jennifer's Internet Bakery Cafe . 638-3433

### **Cinema/Movie**

IMAX Theater . . . . . 638-2203  
10:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. Movie shown every hour on the half hour.

### **Beauty Salon**

Grand Canyon Squire Inn. . . . . 638-8413

### **Western Union**

Canyon Food Mart . . . . . 638-2608

### **Kaibab National Forest**

Tusayan Ranger District . . . . . 638-2443

### **News & Weather**

KNAU 90.3 . . . . . (800)532-5628



### **Arizona Highway Information**

. . . . . 511  
or (888) 411-ROAD or [www.az511.gov](http://www.az511.gov)

## Accessibility

Programs, services, and facilities that are fully or partially accessible to persons with physical disabilities are noted in *The Guide* by the following symbol:  Wheelchair accessible with assistance.

### **Day-Use Wheelchairs**

The National Park Service provides temporary day-use wheelchairs at no charge at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza.

### **Temporary Parking**

To obtain a permit for designated parking, inquire at the entrance gate, Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza, Tusayan Museum, or hotel transportation desks.

### **Wheelchair Accessible Bus Tours**

Wheelchair-accessible bus tours are available by prior arrangement. Contact any lodge transportation desk or call (928) 638-2631 for information. TTY phones are available to hotel guests in the park.

### **Accessibility Guide Available**

The Grand Canyon National Park *Accessibility Guide* is available upon request at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza, Kolb Studio, Tusayan Museum, Desert View Information Center, Park Headquarters, and park entrance stations.

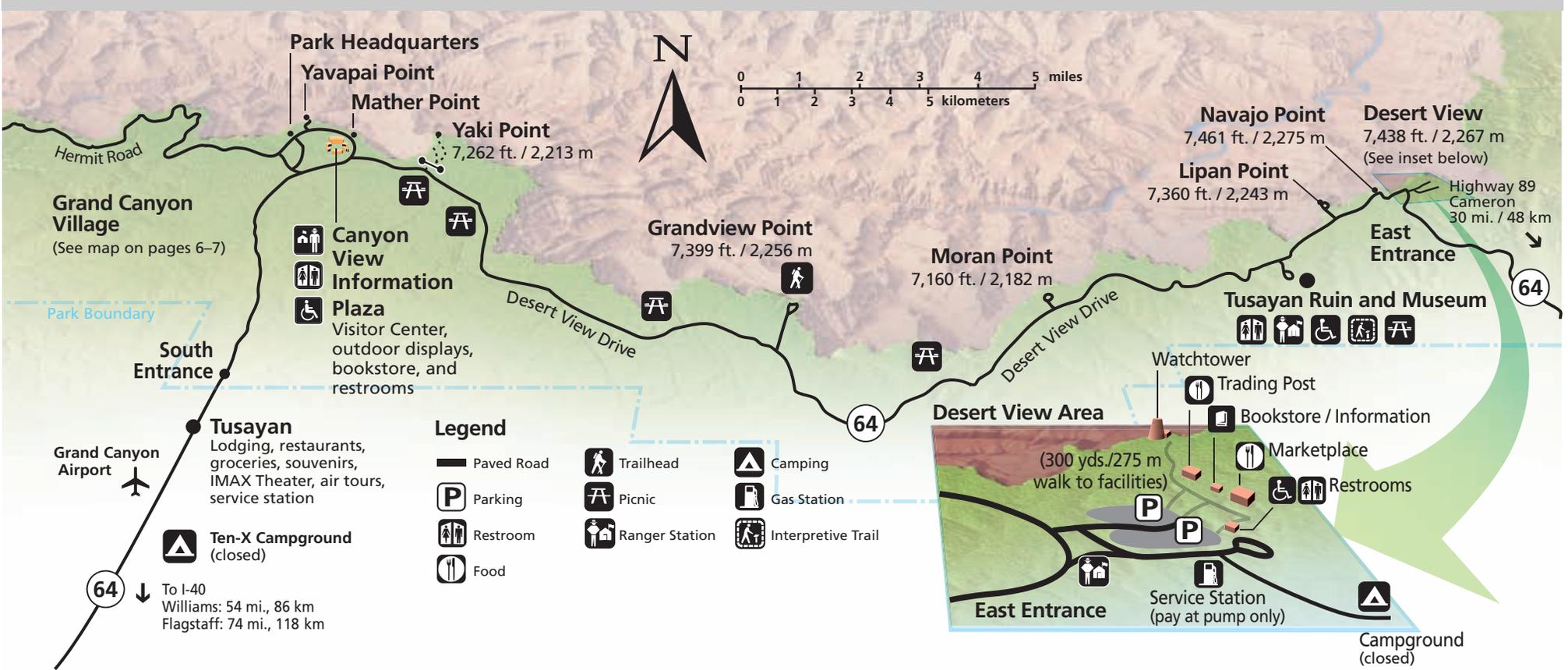


## **Pets must be leashed at all times.**

Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails throughout the developed areas of the South Rim, but not below the rim. The only exception is service animals.

Persons wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in first at the Backcountry Information Center (located in Parking Lot E). Kennels are available. Telephone: (928) 638-0534.

# South Rim



## Bookstores



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When you shop at the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) bookstores, your purchase supports Grand Canyon National Park. GCA is a nonprofit organization created in 1932 to cultivate knowledge, discovery, and stewardship for the benefit of Grand Canyon National Park and its visitors. Since then, GCA has provided more than \$27 million in financial support to the park.

When you visit our bookstores, ask about becoming a Grand Canyon Association member to receive a 15% discount at GCA stores and how to receive reciprocal discounts at stores in other national parks.

Located at Canyon View Information Plaza, Yavapai Observation Station, Kolb Studio, Tusayan Museum, and Desert View, GCA bookstores also provide information about the park, exhibits, and interpretive displays. See page 3 for GCA bookstore locations and hours of operation.

Member discounts are also available for most classes offered by the Grand Canyon Field Institute, GCA's outdoor education program. For more information about GCFI visit [www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute](http://www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute).

Shipping and mail order services are available. Shop online at [www.grandcanyon.org](http://www.grandcanyon.org) or call toll free (800) 858-2808, ext. 7030.

## North Rim



The average distance across Grand Canyon "as the raven flies" is ten miles. However, getting from the South Rim to the North Rim by automobile requires a five-hour drive of 215 miles.

During winter months, highway AZ 67 to the North Rim entrance is closed due to snow. Lodging and camping are available at the canyon's North Rim from mid-May through mid-October. Reservations are strongly recommended. Winter facilities are available at Jacob Lake.

A separate issue of *The Guide* is published for the North Rim and includes details about facilities and services, as well as program and hiking information. Inquire at the visitor center at Canyon View Information Plaza on the South Rim. The North Rim issue of *The Guide* for the 2008 season will not be published until May, 2008.

## Desert View Services

Chevron Service Station	24-hour credit-card access year round	
Desert View Marketplace	Open Daily	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Bookstore / Park Information	Daily as staffing permits Closed Dec. 25	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Trading Post Snack Bar	Open Daily	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Trading Post Gift Shop	Open Daily	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Watchtower Gift Shop	Open Daily	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Watchtower Stairs	Open Daily	9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Desert View Campground	Closed	Re-opens in May.

**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Grand Canyon National Park**  
Post Office Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

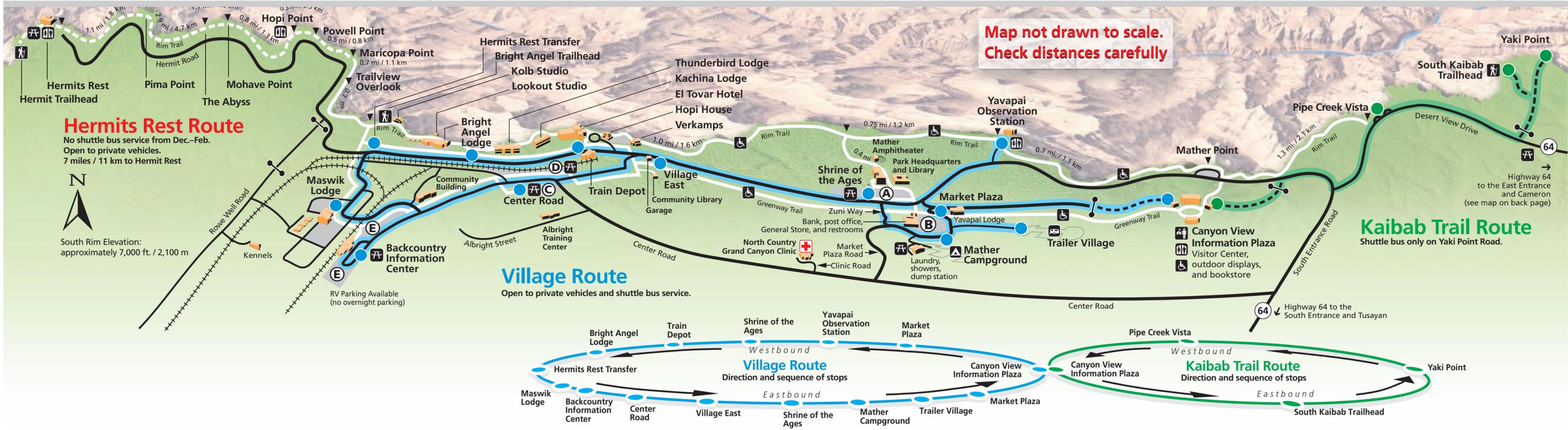
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# Grand Canyon Village Shuttle Bus Routes, Points of Interest, and Parking



## Legend

- Shuttle Bus Routes (Indicated in blue or green)
- Shuttle Bus Stops (Indicated in blue or green)
- Major Park Roads (All vehicles)
- Secondary Roads (All vehicles)
- Shuttle Buses Only
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trails
- Unpaved Trails
- Distance between points on Rim Trail
- Map is not to scale.

## Free Shuttle Buses

During winter at Grand Canyon National Park, free shuttle buses operate on two routes: Village Route (blue) and Kaibab Trail Route (green). No tickets are required, and bus stops are clearly marked throughout the park by signs with the above symbol.

Buses may be white, white with a green stripe, or brown and tan. The route is indicated by a colored square near each door. Many buses also display the route name on the front of the bus.

**Pets are not permitted on buses.**

**Shuttle service may be suspended during inclement weather.**

**Note: Sunrise and sunset times are listed on page 3.**

## Hermits Rest Route

The Hermits Rest Route does not operate during the winter. Hermit Road is open to all vehicles during December, January, and February.

This narrow road winds seven miles past numerous overlooks to Hermits Rest. It may be closed during inclement weather. Watch for hikers and bicyclists along the road.

**No shuttle bus service on the Hermits Rest Route from December through February.**

## Village Route

Buses provide transportation between Canyon View Information Plaza, Yavapai Point, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, parking lots, and other facilities in the Village area.

This is not a scenic route, but rim views are available a short walk from many stops.

**60 Minutes Round Trip (without getting off bus)**

- December-February**
- 6:15 a.m.–8:00 a.m. buses run about every 30 minutes.
  - 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. buses run about every 15 minutes.
  - 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. buses run about every 30 minutes.

## Kaibab Trail Route

Buses provide transportation between Canyon View Information Plaza, South Kaibab Trailhead, Yaki Point, and Pipe Creek Vista. This is the shortest scenic route.

**30 Minutes Round Trip (without getting off bus)**

- December-February**
- 6:15 a.m.–5:00 p.m. buses run about every 15 minutes.
  - 5:00 p.m.–7:15 p.m. buses run about every 30 minutes

### Hikers' Express

An early morning Hikers' Express leaves from Bright Angel Lodge and the Backcountry Information Center and goes directly to the South Kaibab Trailhead daily at 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

## Rules of the Road

**Motorist Warning**  
Pedestrians have the right of way. Vehicles must stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. It is the LAW.

**Pedestrian Warning**  
Avoid walking on narrow park roads. Use trails that parallel most park roads. Always face traffic.

**Bicyclist Warning**  
Bicycles are permitted on all paved and unpaved park roads and the Greenway Trail. They are prohibited on all other trails, including the Rim Trail. Bicyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Always ride single file with the flow of the traffic. See and be seen: wear bright colors and a helmet.

On the narrow Hermit Road bicyclists should pull to the right shoulder of the road and dismount when large vehicles are attempting to pass. Never hang onto a shuttle bus while riding.

## Parking

Parking is available in lots throughout Grand Canyon Village. Please avoid parking along the roadside except where signs or lines on the road indicate that it is permissible. Locations of the parking lots are indicated on the map above.

- (A)** Near Park Headquarters (administrative offices). A large lot that frequently has available spots.
- (B)** Near the businesses in Market Plaza. This is the largest lot, but tends to fill early.
- (C)** This small lot near the intersection of Center and Village Loop Roads may have sites when others do not.
- (D)** Unpaved lot along the railroad tracks in the middle of the Grand Canyon Village Historic District.
- (E)** Near the Backcountry Information Center. The southern portion of this lot has large, pull-through spaces for RVs and vehicles with trailers.

**Easily accessible shuttle bus stops are located in or near all parking areas.**

## Accessibility

An accessibility permit, allowing access to some areas closed to public traffic, is available at entrance gates, the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza, Park Headquarters, Kolb Studio, El Tovar concierge desk, and the Bright Angel Lodge, Yavapai Lodge, and Maswik Lodge transportation desks.

Accessible shuttle buses are available in response to requests made the day prior. Call (928) 638-0591.

Visitors with accessibility considerations may use the shuttle that operates between Mather Point and Canyon View Information Plaza 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The shuttle stops at the east end of Mather Point and both sides of Canyon View Information Plaza. Shuttle service may be suspended during inclement weather.